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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN UN

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1. WITH AMBASSADOR SICK IN BED, DCM CALLED ON FONMIN AHMED SUWAIDI SEPT 25 TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION (FONMINISTRY HAD ADVISED THAT APPOINTMENT HAD TO BE THEN OR NEVER IF WE WISHED CATCH MINISTER PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE). DCM PRESENTED DEMARCHE ON BASIS TALKING POINTS PARA 7 REF A. HE LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON FACT THAT USG HAD CONCLUDED THAT KOREAN QUESTION WAS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE ON THIS YEAR'S UNGA AGENDA. RE UAEG POSITION, DCM NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED KOREAN ISSUE WITH FONMINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY ABDULLA MAZRU'I ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION AND WAS AWARE NOT ONLY OF UAEG STANCE BUT ALSO REASONS THEREFORE. HE WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO NOTE THAT WE FELT CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH WE TAKING AT THIS UNGA SESSION WARRANTED MORE THAN ABSTENTION. MOREOVER, ABSTENTION WAS NOT REALLY NEUTRAL POSITION, PARTICULARLY IN CASE SUCH AS KOREAN QUESTION WHERE TWO COMPETING RESOLUTIONS UP FOR CONSIDERATION. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, BOTH RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, THIS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO MUDDY WATERS AND WOULD HARDLY SERVE INTERESTS OF LONG-TERM PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA. DCM RE-EMPHASIZED THAT LATTER WAS OUR OBJECTIVE, AND THAT THIS COULD

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NOT BE ACHIEVED BY SEEKING EXCLUDE ONE OF TWO PARTIES

INVOLVED, SUCH AS NORTH KOREA TRYING TO DO IN CASE OF ROK.
RATHER WE TRYING TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE AND EASING OF TENSION,
MUCH AS IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE DO IN CASE SINAI ACCORD.

2. FONMIN LISTENED CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
EXPLANATION OUR POSITION. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF
SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS RE KOREA IN SEPT 22 SPEECH FROM TELCONS WHICH
HE HAD WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHOBASH, WHO STILL
IN NEW YORK. MOREOVER SUWAIDI NOTED HE TO BE TALKING TO
SHOBASH LATER SAME DAY (SEPT 25) AND WOULD HEAR FROM HIM
THEN RESULTS OF MEETINGS WHICH ARAB LEAGUE REPS WERE REPORTEDLY
HAVING IN NEW YORK SEPT 24-25 ON THIS AND OTHER AGENDA ISSUES.
SUWAIDI STATED THAT HE FRANKLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH MANY OF UNGA
ISSUES, IN THAT HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH
INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUES SINCE HIS RETURN AND SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE
TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE TO HIS MINISTRY. HE NOTED THAT DCM'S
CALL WAS TIMELY, HOWEVER, IN VIEW HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GHOBASH.
UAEG AS USUAL WOULD TRY TO BE RESPONSIVE, BUT SUWAIDI WENT ON TO
STATE FRANKLY THAT VIEWS OF OTHER ARAB STATES WOULD ALSO BE OF
SIGNIFICANCE--UAEG COULD NOT TAKE POSITIONS UNMINDFUL OF THE
ATTITUDES OF ITS ARAB BROTHERS. DCM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF
THIS CONCERN, BUT, STRESSING AGAIN IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED
TO THIS ISSUE AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OUR PROPOSAL, TRUSTED MERIT
OF CASE WOULD BE RECEIVED WITH SYMPATHY NOT ONLY BY UAEG BUT
IN ARAB COUNCILS IN GENERAL.

3. COMMENTS: SUWAIDI WAS OBVIOUSLY CAREFUL AVOID COMMITMENT
OF SUPPORT AND LEFT HIMSELF (I.E. UAEG) READY OUT IN FORM OF
ARAB LEAGUE POSITION. ON OTHER HAND, SUWAIDI APPEARED INTERESTED
IN ISSUES (HE QUESTION DCM CAREFULLY ABOUT STATUS OF US
TROOPS IN KOREA, FOR EXAMPLE). MOREOVER, HE STATED THAT
CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS HE NOT GOING TO NEW YORK. INSTEAD,
FOLLOWING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, HE WILL RETURN HERE TO PARTICIPATE
IN SHAIKH ZAYID'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN POLITICAL UNITY OF COUNTRY.
WHILE THESE POLITICAL CONCERNS MAY HAVE FIRST PRIORITY, HE
WILL THEREFORE STILL BE AVAILABLE HERE FOR APPROACHES ON KOREAN
QUESTION. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IF THERE IS TO BE CHANGE
IN UAE POSITION, DECISION WILL COME FROM HERE, NOT NEW YORK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ADDITION TO ANTICIPATED FURTHER
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INSTRUCTIONS (REF A AND B), EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
READING DEPT AND/OR USUN CAN PROVIDE ON ARAB LEAGUE
DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. IF MAJORITY OF ARAB STATES CONTINUE
OPPOSE US, IT IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE DIFFICULT CHANGE UAEG
STANCE FROM ABSTENTION. ON OTHER HAND, IF THERE IS PERCEPTIBLE
SHIFT IN OUR FAVOR, THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE USED TO
GOOD ADVANTAGE.
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